

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Gordon Vance, on February 14, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)
Rep. Lee Randall, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)

Staff Present: Stephanie Fletcher, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 507, 2/14/2011; HB 509, 2/14/2011; HB 517, 2/14/2011

00:00:41 Chairman Vance
00:02:49 Rep. Sands

HEARING ON HB 507

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:45 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 507, Create safe Montana highways act.

00:04:19 Rep. O'Neil came in.
00:06:28 Rep. Squires came in.
00:07:27 Chairman Vance

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:44 Melissa Hayes, All Against the Haul
00:08:42 Rep. Arntzen came in.
00:10:16 Zack Porter, All Against the Haul
00:17:32 Robert Gentry, self
00:21:31 Justin Walsh, Bearpaw River Expeditions
00:24:43 Juisita Loveridge
00:26:44 Lisa Smith, Smith's Backhoe Service, Lincoln
00:28:16 Christi Ponozzo, self
00:29:45 Yvonne Gritzner
00:30:05 Barbara Ross
00:30:11 Jeffrey Gritzner

Opponents' Testimony:

00:30:40 Jeanette Zentgraf
EXHIBIT(trh36a01)
00:30:45 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)
EXHIBIT(trh36a02)
EXHIBIT(trh36a03)
00:35:53 Dave Galt, Executive Director of Montana Petroleum Association
00:40:22 Chris Cavazos, Political Director Montana State AFL CIO
EXHIBIT(trh36a04)
00:41:44 John Forkan, Union Construction Workers
00:42:43 Rep. Arntzen left the room.
00:42:51 Debbie Shea, Montana Mining Association
00:43:55 Jay Reardon, Laborers Local 686
00:45:23 John Benyan Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:46:12 Jessie Luther, Montana Contractors Association
00:46:59 Ed Bartlett, Billings Chamber of Commerce
00:47:53 Dan Flynn, IBEW
00:48:47 Patrick Heffernen Montana Wood Products Association
00:49:23 Willy Duffield, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal

Informational Testimony:

00:49:45 Director Jim Lynch, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:40 Rep. Lavin
00:58:24 Rep. Bennett
00:58:57 Rep. Lavin
00:59:09 Rep. Bennett
00:59:30 Rep. Rosendale
01:01:10 Rep. Bennett
01:01:15 Rep. Smith
01:01:39 Director Lynch, DOT
01:01:43 Rep. Smith
01:01:53 Director Lynch
01:02:01 Rep. Smith
01:02:07 Director Lynch
01:02:32 Rep. Sands left the room.
01:02:58 Rep. Berry
01:03:26 Director Lynch
01:04:29 Rep. O'Neil
01:04:45 Director Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:57 Rep. Bennett

HEARING ON HB 509

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:07:44 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 509,
Exempt from taxation fuel for contractors transporting school district pupils.

[EXHIBIT\(trh36a05\)](#)

01:08:28 Rep. Sands returned.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:15 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association
01:11:20 Rep. Squires left the room.
01:16:03 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association
01:19:00 Chris Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:19:37 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association

Informational Testimony:

01:20:46 Director Jim Lynch, DOT

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:50 Rep. O'Neil
01:24:19 Rep. McClafferty
01:24:28 Bob Vogel
01:25:06 Rep. O'Neil
01:25:34 Bob Vogel
01:25:52 Rep. Berry
01:26:03 Rep. Smith left the room.
01:26:12 Rep. McClafferty
01:26:22 Rep. Arntzen
01:27:16 Jim Lynch
01:27:24 Rep. Arntzen
01:27:32 Jim Lynch
01:27:45 Rep. Squires returned.
01:27:59 Rep. Arntzen
01:28:20 Jim Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:45 Rep. McClafferty
01:29:09 Chairman Vance

HEARING ON HB 517

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:31:07 Rep. Walter McNutt (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 517, Revise laws regarding weigh scales.

[EXHIBIT\(trh36a06\)](#)

01:35:54 Rep. Smith left the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:36:46 Spook Stang, Executive Vice President, Motor Carriers of Montana
01:38:15 Jim Lynch
01:40:32 Bob Gilbert, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:43:28 Rep. McNutt

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:

01:45:30 Chairman Vance

Additional Exhibit
EXHIBIT([trh36a07](#))

Stephanie Fletcher, Secretary

sf

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh36aad.pdf](#))